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Hello everyone,

The NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau will be moderating the negotiations concerning the Class 3 Permit Modification entitled “*Excavation of a New Shaft and Associated Connecting Drifts.*”

The Hazardous Waste Management Regulations at 20.4.1.901.A(4) NMAC state:

“If the secretary issues a draft permit, and a timely written notice of opposition to the draft permit and a request for a public hearing is received, the department, acting in conjunction with the applicant, will respond to the request in an attempt to resolve the issues giving rise to the opposition. If such issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the opponent, the opponent may withdraw the request for a public hearing.”

The participants of this meeting will be limited to the Permittees, NMED, and those who requested a public hearing and will include the following attendees listed below:

- NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau:
 - Ricardo Maestas, David Biswell, Megan McLean, Natalie Barka
- NMED Office of General Counsel:
 - Jennifer Hower, Christal Weatherly
- Department of Energy:
 - Myles Hall, George Basabilvazo, Mike Brown, Martin Navarrete,
- Nuclear Waste Partnership/RES:
 - Rick Chavez, Jill Farnsworth, Ashley Waldram, Bob Kehrman, Mark Turnbough
- WIPP Legal Counsel:
 - Tom Angel, Dennis Cook, Mike Woodward, **Tom Aug**
- Requesters of a public hearing
 - Don Hancock with Southwest Research and Information Center (SRIC)
 - Scott Kovac with Nuclear Watch New Mexico (NWNM)
 - Joni Arends with Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS)
 - Dave McCoy with Citizen Action New Mexico (CANM)
 - Deborah Reade
 - George Anastas
 - Steve Zappe

Please see the attached General Itinerary that will serve as a guidance for the discussions. There will be opportunities for breakout sessions and caucuses as needed.

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Meeting Details

Dates: December 15, 17, 18, 2020

Time: 12:00pm-5:00pm all days

Location: Web Ex platform- Invitations sent out by Jennifer Hower, NMED OGC.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to email or call me at [505-429-7431](tel:505-429-7431) if you have any questions on any of the above information.

Respectfully,

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