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Subject: Class 1 Permit Modification Notification to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Pierard:

Enclosed is a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification for the following items:

- Revised List of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 706-0072.

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**Class 1 Permit Modification Notification**

**Revise List of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators**

**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant  
Carlsbad, New Mexico**

**WIPP Permit Number - NM4890139088-TSDF**

**February 2021**

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## **Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Units**

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
Permit	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
Permittees	U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC
PMN	Permit Modification Notification
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

## Overview of the Permit Modification Notification

This document contains a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (**PMN**) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (**Permit**) Number NM4890139088-TSDF.

This PMN is being submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (**DOE**) and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC, collectively referred to as the Permittees, in accordance with Permit Part 1, Section 1.3.1. (20.4.1.900 New Mexico Administrative Code (**NMAC**) incorporating Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (**CFR**) §270.42(a)). The PMN in this document is necessary to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) of changes which impact the Permit. These changes do not reduce the ability of the Permittees to provide continued protection to human health and the environment.

The requested modification to the Permit and any related supporting documents are provided in this PMN. The proposed modifications to the text of the Permit have been identified using **red** text and double underline and a ~~strikeout~~ font for deleted information. All direct quotations are indicated by italicized text.

**Attachment A**  
**Description of the Class 1 Permit Modification Notification**

**Table 1. Class 1 Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Modification Notification**

Item No.	Affected Permit Section	Change Description	Category
1	Attachment D, Table D-1, <i>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators</i>	<p>This modification revises Permit Attachment D, Table D-1, <i>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators</i>, with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove "G.L. (Gary) Kessler."</li> <li>• Remove "M.L. (Mark) Long."</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the home address for R.E. (Eric) Chavez is being updated.</p>	B.6.d

## Item 1

### Description

This modification revises Permit Attachment D, Table D-1, *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators*, with the following changes:

- Remove “G.L. (Gary) Kessler.”
- Remove “M.L. (Mark) Long.”

Additionally, the home address for R.E. (Eric) Chavez is being updated.

### Basis

These changes are classified as “Changes in name, address, or phone number of coordinators or other persons or agencies identified in the plan...” and is, therefore, a Class 1 modification pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 270.42, Appendix I, B. General Facility Standards, 6. Contingency Plan, d).

### Discussion

The list of persons qualified to act as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) Emergency Coordinator must be kept up to date pursuant to 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 264.52(d)). The Permittees are removing two RCRA Emergency Coordinators, G.L. (Gary) Kessler and M.L. (Mark) Long.

The Permittees are also updating the home address of RCRA Emergency Coordinator, R.E. (Eric) Chavez. In order to maintain individual privacy information (i.e., home addresses and personal phone numbers), this change is captured in the copy of Table D-1 maintained by the Facility Shift Manager at the WIPP facility, and a “confidential” copy of Table D-1 is being sent to the NMED. The current version of the Permit posted on the Information Repository will NOT contain this private information and, therefore, will not reflect this change.

These changes are necessary to ensure the list of RCRA Emergency Coordinators is current.

The deletion of two Emergency Coordinators from Table D-1 does not impact the Permittees’ ability to have an Emergency Coordinator available at all times in case of an emergency as required by Permit Part 2, Section 2.12.4 or to have an Emergency Coordinator on site 24-hours a day, seven days a week with the responsibility for coordinating emergency response measures as required by Permit Attachment D, Section D-2a.



**Proposed Revised Permit Text:**

**Table D-1  
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Emergency Coordinators<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address*</b>	<b>Office Phone</b>	<b>Personal Phone*</b>	<b>24-Hour Emergency Phone</b>
J.E. (Joseph) Bealler		(575) 234-8276 or (575) 234-8916		(575) 234-8111
M.G. (Mike) Proctor		(575) 234-8276 or (575) 234-8143		(575) 234-8111
<del>G.L. (Gary) Kessler</del>		<del>(575) 234-8326</del>		<del>(575) 234-8111</del>
P.J. (Paul) Paneral		(575) 234-8498		(575) 234-8111
<del>M.L. (Mark) Long</del>		<del>(575) 234-8170</del>		<del>(575) 234-8111</del>
A.C. (Andy) Cooper		(575) 234-8197		(575) 234-8111
C.J. (Chris) Belis		(575) 628-5851		(575) 234-8111
B.R. (Bobby) Franco		(575) 234-8163		(575) 234-8111
G.W. (Gregory) Brown		(575) 234-5862		(575) 234-8111
R.D. (Ryan) Parrish		(575) 234-8638		(575) 234-8111
R.E. (Eric) Chavez		(575) 234-5831		(575) 234-8111
D.L. (Donald) Journey		(575) 234-8216		(575) 234-8111
R.H. (Robert) Valenzuela		(575) 234-8799		(575) 234-8111

\* NOTE: Personal information (home addresses and personal phone numbers) has been removed from informational copies of this Permit.

<sup>1</sup> For every shift, one qualified RCRA Emergency Coordinator serves as the primary, and a second qualified RCRA Emergency Coordinator is available to serve as the alternate.