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To: Ricardo Maestas
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Maestas:

Please accept this letter in support of approval of the proposed Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) updating the Panel 8 Volatile Organic Compound Room-Based Limits.

Members of the Carlsbad Mayor's Nuclear Task Force participated in a public meeting discussing this PMR, and additional information is also available through the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant website at [https://wipp.energy.gov/Library/Information_Repository_A/Class_2 Permits Modifications/21-0250 Letter Redacted.pdf](https://wipp.energy.gov/Library/Information_Repository_A/Class_2_Permits_Modifications/21-0250_Letter_Redacted.pdf)

This is a straightforward request, which makes certain adjustments to room-based limits due to a change in the room height of Panel 8 (from 13 to 16 feet). We understand that these adjustments are needed to assure the protection of underground workers by maintaining the same level of protection from volatile organic compounds that is provided by the limits established for normal room height panels. Approval of this PMR does not create any risk to WIPP's workforce, the environment or to our community.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in WIPP's permitting process and support approval of this PMR.

Sincerely,

Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway

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