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**Re: Notice of Extension for Class 2 Permit Modification Decision  
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant  
EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Knerr and Dunagan,

On October 15, 2021, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) from the Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC (collectively, the Permittees). The PMR is entitled "*Update Panel 8 Volatile Organic Compound Room-Based Limits.*"

Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42.b.6.i), NMED must take specific action on a Class 2 PMR no later than ninety days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date would be January 13, 2022. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42.b.6.i.E), a thirty-day extension may be utilized by NMED. By this letter, NMED is notifying the Permittees that NMED will be applying a 30-day extension to make a determination on the aforementioned Class 2 PMR, which will now occur no later than February 12, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Ricardo Maestas of my staff at (505) 690-6148.

Sincerely,

Rick Shean

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