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Ms. Rafie Ferguson  
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**RE: Announcement for WIPP Information Line**

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

Please record the following announcement on EPA's WIPP Information Line:

On May 15, the New Mexico Environment Department issued a draft hazardous waste storage and disposal facility permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant outside Carlsbad, New Mexico. Information regarding this proposed action is available for review through August 14 at the Environment Department office in Santa Fe, and at other locations in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Carlsbad, Roswell, Hobbs, and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

NMED has also posted a web site at [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/) which includes copies of the citizen letter, legal notice, fact sheet, and viewable versions of the draft Permit Modules. The public may also download electronic versions of the draft Permit and Technical Support Document from the web site.

If you have comments on this proposed action or if you believe a public hearing should be held, contact Steve Zappe at (505) 827-1561 or write the Environment Department at 2044-A Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 no later than August 14.

Individuals wishing to ... (the usual announcement about being placed on the mailing list).

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 827-1561. If you need any further information related to media support of this announcement, please contact Mr. Nathan Wade, NMED Communications Director, at (505) 827-2834.

Sincerely,

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