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Ms. Lorie Mitchell
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RE: Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation
Pilot Plant, EPA ID NM4890139088

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Enclosed is a complete set of the draft Permit and Technical Support Document for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. NMED has identified your library as a public location for viewing the draft Permit in a recent legal notice and mass mailing. Please make these documents available for public inspection during normal business hours. I recommend you place your copy of the permit application in the same location for the public's convenience.

The public comment period will run from May 15 through August 14, 1998. NMED has a WIPP Information Page located at <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.

Please contact Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff at (505)827-1561 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert S. Dinwiddie".

Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, Ph. D., Manager
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