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Ms. Mary Kruger
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Washington, DC 20460

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

Dear Ms. Kruger:

Enclosed is a complete set of NMED's draft Permit and Technical Support document for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant for your review. Also enclosed is the legal notice, citizen letter, and fact sheet describing NMED's intent to issue this Permit.

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,

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