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Mr. David Neleigh  
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

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

Dear Mr. Neleigh:

Enclosed are four copies of the draft Permit for the Waste Isolation  
Pilot Plant. One copy is bound for your library, and three copies are  
unbound for your review.

The public comment period will run from May 15 through August 14,  
1998. NMED will have a WIPP Information Page located at  
<<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>>, which will include copies of the  
citizen letter, legal notice, fact sheet, and viewable versions of the  
draft Permit Modules. The public will also be able to 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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