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**RE: Public Comments on Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Draft Permit.**

Dear Ms. Fritz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your comments on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) hazardous waste draft permit. NMED appreciates the time you have taken to be involved in the public process for the WIPP draft permit.

NMED received numerous comments concerning the WIPP draft permit. NMED will review each comment and may revise the WIPP draft permit to incorporate appropriate comments. NMED will provide public notice regarding any revisions to the WIPP draft permit and will make any revisions available for public review and comment. In addition, NMED will inform you at a later date of any decision to hold a public hearing.

If you have any questions, please call Susan McMichael at (505) 827-0127.

Sincerely,

Ed Kelley, Director  
Water and Waste Management Division

cc: Susan McMichael, NMED OGC  
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