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Michael McFadden
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RE: Requests for Hearing, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Draft Permit.

Dear Messrs. McFadden and Epstein:

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

The NMED has decided to hold a public hearing on the WIPP hazardous waste permit under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act. The Department is currently reviewing public comments on the draft permit and making revisions to the draft permit, as appropriate. Once these revisions are complete, NMED will provide public notice of the hearing, including the date, time, location, contact person and the process for public involvement.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Maggiore, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department

cc: Susan McMichael, NMED OGC
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