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Mr. Joe Epstein
c/o Mr. Michael McFadden
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4021 National Parks Highway
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RE: Revised Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, EPA ID NM4890139088

Dear Mr. Epstein:

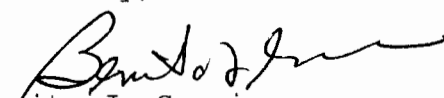
Enclosed is a complete set of the revised draft Permit and Technical Support Document for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Also enclosed is the legal notice and citizen letter. The fact sheet intended for inclusion in Volume 1 will be mailed to you separately.

This revised draft Permit requires that you transfer some of the materials from the previous version to this new version. Please refer to the attached sheet for instructions on correctly assembling the revised draft Permit. You may discard or recycle the previous version of the draft Permit once all necessary materials have been transferred.

The public comment period will run from November 13 through January 18, 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)827-1560 x1013 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,


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