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Mr. Ken Smith  
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1001 North Solano Dr  
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RE: Revised Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, EPA ID NM4890139088

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is a complete set of the revised draft Permit and Technical Support Document for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. NMED has identified your office as a public location for viewing the draft Permit in a recent legal notice and mass mailing. Please make these documents available for public inspection during normal business hours. I recommend you place your copy of the permit application in the same location for the public's convenience.

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 fact sheet intended for inclusion in Volume 1 will be mailed to you separately.

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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