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**RE: FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, CLASS 2 MODIFICATION  
REQUEST -WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Interested Person:

On November 1, 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) took final administrative action on a Class 2 permit modification request (PMR) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit by approving the PMR. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (formally Washington TRU Solutions LLC) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on July 5, 2012. This Class 2 modification included the following items:

- Add the shielded container as a shipping package
- Add description of how the volume of RH TRU mixed waste which is disposed in shielded containers will be tracked
- Add related changes to waste handling descriptions

This Class 2 PMR was evaluated and processed in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)). It was subject to a 60-day public comment period.

Further information on this administrative action, including response to comments, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>.

Sincerely,

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cc: Trais Kliphuis, HWB