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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 3, 2015

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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

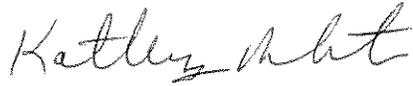
On September 10, 2015, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) received a Request for a Class 2 Permit Modification to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from the Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (“Permittees”) dated September 8, 2015. This Class 2 modification included the following item: Revision to Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Procedures.

According to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on the modification request no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date would be December 9, 2015. As provided by 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)) a thirty day extension is allowed. By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will decide on this modification no later than January 8, 2016.

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If you have any question regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas of my staff at (505) 476-6050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn Roberts".

Kathryn Roberts
Director
Resource Protection Division

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