

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

On behalf of the State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), the following comments are offered on the New Mexico Environment Program's (NMED) Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP) Permit Renewal. The comments are referenced to the corresponding Topic Number as listed in the December 20, 2022 Renewal Draft Permit Fact Sheet:

Topics #1 & #3 - The NDEP recommends that the NMED include a requirement in the permit that the Annual Transuranic Waste Inventory Report (ATWIR) include the prioritization, sequencing, and scheduling of TRU waste shipments for disposal at WIPP for the entire DOE complex. This information will be helpful to states and local communities who want to understand DOE's overall plans for managing TRU waste both in their community and across the complex.

Topic #7 - The NDEP recommends that the NMED include a requirement in the Permit that the new Repository Siting Annual Report be made publicly available and posted on the DOE website. This information will be helpful to states and local communities who want to understand DOE's overall plans and progress toward siting another geologic repository for transuranic waste in a state other than New Mexico.