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To Megan McLean

Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department

2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Ms. McLean:

Please accept this letter in support of the Class 2 Permit Modification Request recently submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department, which covers the addition of four new shielded containers and a revision to the site recertification audit schedule.

I believe approval of this PMR is important to ensuring the continued safety of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant workforce. Remote Handled waste has always been an integral part of WIPP's mission, and this addition to the shielded-container PMR allows WIPP to continue to serve its intended purpose.

Safe, secure emplacement in the WIPP underground is also vital to the NMED's own goal of seeing responsible cleanup continue at Los Alamos.

The Department of Energy, SIMCO and the New Mexico Environment Department have all done an excellent job organizing public meetings throughout this process. The elevated level of transparency and cooperative effort is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Lopez

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