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To Megan McLean

Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Ms. McLean:

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

Approving this PMR is vital to ensure the continuous 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.

A safe, secure emplacement in the WIPP underground is also vital to the NMED's 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. We are thankful for the elevated level of transparency and cooperative effort.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mayor Pro-tem JJ Chavez

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