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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 18, 2012

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**RE: NOTICE OF COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION AND FEE ASSESSMENT
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088
HWB-WIPP-11-011, 11-012**

Dear Messrs. Ziemianski and Sharif:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of modification notifications to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The specific submittals reviewed for administrative completeness were:

- Notification of Class 1 Permit Modification (Editorial Correction to change Panel 7 to Panel 8, Revise language for Bulkhead Flashing, Revise Figure N-1, Revise Transmittal Language to Include Electronic Transmittals, Revise Terminology for Remote-Handled Emplacement Equipment, Revise C6 Checklist Items, Add an Options for Ambulance #2, Revise Document Numbers of Procedures), Letter Dated 11/21/11, Rec'd 5/23/11
- Notification of Class 1 Permit Modification (Continuing Training Timeframe), Letter Dated 12/16/11, Rec'd 12/20/11

NMED has determined that these submittals are administratively complete. As requested by the Permittees under the conditions specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1)), the modifications identified in the Notices of Class 1 Modification listed above

Messrs. Ziemianski and Sharif

January 5, 2012

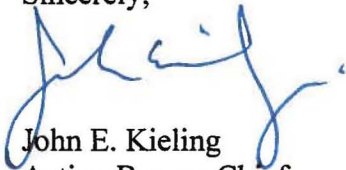
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are put into effect with a minor clarification to the requested revised terminology for the Horizontal Emplacement and Retrieval Equipment (HERE) to add the phrase "or functionally equivalent equipment". NMED will incorporate these Class 1 modifications into the WIPP Permit shortly and no later than January 31, 2012.

The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Permit and Corrective Action Fee Regulations, 20.4.2.201.B(2)(b) NMAC require the assessment of fees. The fee invoices are attached to this letter. Payment is normally due within sixty (60) calendar days from the date that you receive the invoice in accordance with 20.4.2.301.C NMAC. However, because NMED submitted an assessment of supplemental permit fees to the Permittees and the Permittees transmitted payment of these fees, the fee invoice for this permit modification notification has been effectively paid under these supplemental fees.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035 or Trais Kliphuis at (505) 476-6051.

Sincerely,



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