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Dear Steve:

After attending the meeting in Santa Fe, the Mayor's Task Force continues to support the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed modification to their hazardous waste permit.

We see no reason that this modification should be elevated to a Class 3 level.

After listening to the questions about acceptable knowledge (AK) raised in Santa Fe, talking to DOE and looking at the permit modification, as you had suggested, we believe that the intent of the DOE is to obtain similar amounts of AK for the small quantity sites as they currently do for the larger sites. We believe that there has been no reduction in the AK requirements for either the SQS or the large sites.

If the NMED believes that some clarity may be required, we would strongly recommend that they negotiate a suitable compromise with the DOE in an expeditious manner.

Continuing to delay characterization at WIPP is not beneficial to anyone nor will these delays provide any additional protection of human health and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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