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Subject: Withdrawal of Class 2 Permit Modification Dated January 3, 2001

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) is withdrawing the Class 2 Permit Modification regarding the use of Digital Radiography/Computed Tomography (DR/CT) as an alternative to Visual Examination that was submitted to NMED on January 23, 2001.

One of the NMED policies that NMED and CBFO have discussed in recent meetings is that technically complex permit modification requests should be submitted as Class 3 requests, as stated in the March 26, 2001, letter from Gregory Lewis to Hank Herrera and me denying the Drum Age Criteria Request. Withdrawing the DR/CT request will allow DOE to address the technical comments raised during the public comment period on the DR/CT modification request.

Please contact Mark Turnbough at (281) 398-7334 if you have any question regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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