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Dear Don:

This is in response to your January 11, 2006 letter to James Bearzi, Hazardous Waste Bureau Chief, requesting an extension of the public comment period for the pending WIPP Class 3 Permit modification, Public Notice 05-16. As a result of your request, I am extending the Public Comment Period until 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2006. As a result of this extension, the previously indicated date for a potential public hearing of March 8, 2006 is withdrawn. If the Department determines to hold a public hearing, a new date will be set and noticed after February 22, 2006.

The Department will be providing public notice of the extension and withdrawal of the proposed hearing date within the next two weeks. Thank you for your continued interest in WIPP matters.

Sincerely,


Ron Curry
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