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Subject: The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan

Reference: New Mexico Environment Department E-Mail from Ryan Flynn to Jose Franco, George W. Hellstrom, Robert McQuinn and Dennis N. Cook, dated May 20, 2014, subject: WIPP Order 05-20001

Dear Mr. Kieling and Mr. Blaine:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the WIPP Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan (Plan) required by the New Mexico Environment Department Administrative Order 05-20001 (Order) issued on May 20, 2014, to the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP), collectively referred to as the Permittees. The Order, at paragraph 22, requires the Permittees to submit a Plan for identified nitrate salt bearing waste disposed in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) underground disposal facility. The Order also requires an implementation schedule for this Plan. The Plan with schedule is due by 2:00 PM on May 30, 2014.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

  
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