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Subject: Transmittal of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Annual Report

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the following annual report as required by the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088-TSDF, Part 4, Section 4.6.1.2.

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Geotechnical Analysis Report for July 2012 – June 2013, DOE/WIPP-13-3501, Volumes 1 and 2

Please note that Permit Part 4, Section 4.6.1.2 also requires the submittal of an assessment of the explosion-isolation walls in Panels 1, 2 and 5 at the time the Geotechnical Analysis Report is submitted. The assessment, which is performed by a professional engineer in the Spring was not conducted this year due to the inaccessibility of the underground. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) was made aware that this assessment cannot be conducted until it is deemed safe to perform the inspections. The NMED Administrative Order dated May 12, 2014 supersedes this reporting requirement until which time the Permittees can resume the related underground inspection activity.

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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