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Subject: Transmittal of Audit Report for the Hanford Site Central Characterization Project
Recertification Audit A-11-10

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Enclosed is the Audit Report for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Recertification Audit A-11-10 of the Hanford Site Central Characterization Project processes performed to characterize and certify waste as required by Part 2, Section 2.3.2.3, *Final Audit Report*, of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted April 5-7, 2011.

The report contains the results of the recertification audit performed for contact-handled Summary Category Group S5000 debris waste. In addition, the audit report contains the results of the initial certification audit for Summary Category Group S3000 homogeneous solid waste. The audit team also evaluated certification activities related to the high-energy real-time radiography system for characterization of standard waste boxes.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all enclosures were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my 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 my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment of knowing violations.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Mr. Randy Unger, Director, Office of Quality Assurance, at (575) 234-7065.

Sincerely,

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Edward Ziemianski
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Enclosure