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Subject: Transmittal of the Audit Report for the Savannah River Site Central Characterization
Project Recertification Audit A-11-01

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter transmits the audit report for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit A-11-01 of the Savannah River Site Central Characterization Project processes performed to characterize and certify waste as required by Section II.C.2.c of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit which was in effect at the time the audit was conducted, October 26-28, 2010. The report contains the results of the recertification audit performed for contact-handled Summary Category Groups (SCGs) S3000 homogeneous solids waste, S4000 soils/gravel waste, and S5000 debris waste, and remote-handled SCGs S3000 homogeneous solids waste and S5000 debris waste. The audit team also evaluated, for initial certification, activities related to the real-time radiography Unit 4 to characterize the standard large box 2s (SLB2s) and the Large Container Non-Destructive Examination system to characterize standard waste boxes and SLB2s.

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 for knowing violations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Martin P. Navarrete, CBFO Acting Director of the Office of Quality Assurance, at (575) 234-7483.

Sincerely,

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Edward Ziemianski
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