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Subject: Final Audit Report A-11-20, Argonne National Laboratory Central
Characterization Project for Remote-Handled Waste Characterization

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter transmits the subject audit report for the processes performed to characterize and certify waste as required by the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the audit of remote-handled Summary Category Group S5000 debris waste, performed August 2-4, 2011.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signature on File

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Interim Manager

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