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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief  
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Subject: Transmittal of the Recertification Audit Report for the Hanford Site/Central Characterization Project Audit A-12-11

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit A-12-11 of the Hanford Site/Central Characterization Project for processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the recertification audit conducted May 15-16, 2012.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to 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 fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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

Sincerely,

**Original Signature on File**

~~Jose R. Franco, Manager~~ ✓  
Carlsbad Field Office

Enclosure