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Mr. John Kieling, Acting Chief  
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Subject: Partial Closure of Panel 5

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that construction of the explosion-isolation walls required by Permit Attachment G, Section G-1d(1) representing partial closure of Panel 5 was completed December 1, 2011. The final waste volumes for Panel 5 are 15,927 m<sup>3</sup> of contact-handled TRU waste and 235 m<sup>3</sup> of remote-handled TRU waste. A Class 1 permit modification notification was submitted August 8, 2011, and approved by the New Mexico Environment Department on November 2, 2011, modifying the Permit to include these final volumes.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and the enclosure 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 questions regarding this submittal, please contact Ms. Susan E. McCauslin at (575) 234-7349.

Sincerely

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