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Subject: Notification of the Use of Surge Storage in the Waste Handling Building

Reference: DOE Memorandum CBFO:OESH:GB:MN:14-1427;UFC:5487 from Mr. Jose R. Franco and Mr. M. F. Sharif to Mr. John Kieling, dated February 26, 2014, subject: Request for an Extension to the Storage Times for the Parking Area Unit and Waste Handling Building

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that the Permittees intend to begin use of the authorized Surge Storage Area in the contact-handled (CH) portion of the Waste Handling Building (WHB) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility. This notification fulfills the requirements of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit), (NM4890139088-TSDF), Permit Part 3, Section 3.1.1.4. Surge Storage will be used in accordance with items 12(d) and 12(g) of the NMED February 27, 2014, Administrative Order.

The Permittees require use of the Surge Storage Area in the CH portion of the WHB as detailed in our referenced letter of February 26, 2014. The Permittees anticipate using the CH Bay Surge Storage Area beginning in March. As required in the aforementioned Parts of the Permit this transmittal will also be distributed to stakeholders via e-mail notification.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments 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 any questions, please contact Mr. George T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,
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