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Subject: Final Audit Report for the Argonne National Laboratory Central
Characterization Project Recertification Audit A-12-16

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office Audit A-12-16 of the Argonne National Laboratory Central Characterization Project performing characterization and certification activities as required by Part 2, Section 2.3.2.3 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted August 28 – 30, 2012. The report contains the results of audit activities performed for recertification of remote-handled Summary Category Group S5000 debris waste.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments 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 please contact Mr. Randy Unger, Director of the Office of Quality Assurance, at (575) 234-7065.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure