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Subject: Transmittal of the Audit Report for the Argonne National Laboratory/Central Characterization Project, Certification Audit A-09-21

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter transmits Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit Report A-09-21 for the audit of Argonne National Laboratory/Central Characterization Project processes performed to characterize and certify waste as required by Section II.C.2.c of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the recertification audit performed for remote-handled (RH) Summary Category Group (SCG) S5000 debris waste. The audit was conducted August 4-6, 2009.

An electronic version of the audit documentation (final audit report, B-6 checklists, and the audited plans and procedures) is included as a courtesy for use by the New Mexico Environment Department, but is not to be regarded as the formal submittal.

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.

Should you have any questions concerning this audit report, please contact the CBFO Quality Assurance Director, Ava L. Holland, at (575) 234-7423.

Sincerely,

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Manager

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