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Mr. Steve Zappe, Project Leader Hazardous Materials Bureau New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Subject: Transmittal of the Certification Audit Report for the Hanford Central Characterization Project, Audit A-10-07

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter transmits the Audit Report for Hanford Central Characterization Project Audit A-10-07 of the processes performed to characterize and certify waste as required by Section II.C.2.c of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the certification audit conducted April 6-8, 2010.

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 Ms. Ava L. Holland, CBFO Quality Assurance Director, at (575) 234-7423.

Sincerely,

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David C. Moody Manager

Enclosure