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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 5, 2017

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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ISSUE INTERIM REPORTS FOR RECERTIFICATION
AUDITS A-17-02 SRS/CCP AND A-17-04 AMWTP
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

On December 8, 2014 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Request for Extension of Time (Request), in a letter dated December 5, 2016 that was submitted by the Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO). The Request seeks an extension of time for the issuance of the interim reports of the Recertification Audits A-17-02 at the Savannah River Site Central Characterization Program (SRS/CCP) and Audit A-17-04 at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) in Idaho.

This request was submitted pursuant to Part 1, Section 1.10.3 of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) which states: *“The Permittees may seek an extension of time in which to perform a requirement of this Permit, for good cause, by sending a written request for extension of time and proposed revised schedule to the Secretary. The request shall state the length of the requested extension and describe the basis for the request. The Secretary will respond in writing to any request for extension following receipt of the request. If the Secretary denies the request for extension, reasons for the denial will be stated.”*

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CBFO submitted the Request regarding the condition in Permit Attachment C6, Section C6-4, which states: *"The audit report will be prepared, approved, and issued to the site within 30 days of the completion of the audit by DOE."*

According to the Request, the SRS/CCP recertification audit is scheduled to be completed on December 8, 2016 and the AMWTP recertification audit on December 16, 2016. With this schedule, the interim reports are due by January 7 and 15, 2017 respectively. CBFO has requested that the interim reports be issued to the generator sites no later than February 9, 2017.

The reason for this Request, as submitted, is the anticipated time needed to adequately compile audit team information and completed checklists into a formal report and that the SRS/CCP and AMWTP audits this year took place during the holiday season; therefore, reducing the number of working days available to complete the interim reports.

NMED hereby grants the Request and directs that CBFO issue the interim reports to the generator sites no later than the requested date of February 9, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050.

Sincerely,



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