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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief  
 Hazardous Waste Bureau  
 New Mexico Environment Department  
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Subject: Notification of Return of Waste Handling Building Surge Storage Area to Normal Configuration

Reference: New Mexico Environment Department correspondence from Kathryn Roberts, Director, Resource Protection Division, to Todd A. Shrader, CBFO and Philip J. Breidenbach, NWP, dated December 16, 2016, subject: NMED Inspection, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you written notification, in accordance with the referenced letter dated December 16, 2016, that on February 9, 2017, the Permittees reconfigured the TRU mixed waste in storage in the Waste Handling Building such that TRU mixed waste has been removed from the CH Bay Surge Storage Area. Should the use of surge storage be needed in the future, the Permittees will conform to the surge storage requirements of the Permit Part 3 and Attachment A1.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call Mr. George Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

Signatures on file

*for* Todd Shrader, Manager *Mgr*  
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Philip J. Breidenbach, Project Manager  
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