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Subject: Withdrawal Request for a 10-Day Extension of Storage Time for Waste in Storage in the Waste Handling Building Storage Unit at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Reference: Permittees' Correspondence CBFO:OEP:MRB:SA:19-0269:UFC: 5487.00 from Kirk D. Lachman, U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office, and Sean Dunagan, Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC, to John E. Kieling, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau, dated November 15, 2019, subject: Request for a 10-Day Extension of Storage Time for Waste in Storage in the Waste Handling Building Storage Unit at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw the referenced request for an extension of storage time for contact-handled transuranic (CH TRU) mixed waste in storage in the Waste Handling Building Container Storage Unit (WHB Unit) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility.

As discussed in the referenced letter dated November 15, 2019, the WIPP facility experienced an unexpected electrical problem on November 14, 2019. Power was not available to the Interim Ventilation System (IVS) due to the electrical problem, therefore, the ventilation required to emplace the containers described in the referenced letter was not available. The electrical problem was addressed on November 15, 2019 and power to the IVS was restored. The payloads were successfully downloaded on November 16, 2019. Therefore, an extension of storage time is no longer needed.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our 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 our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Mr. John Kieling

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 234-7476.

Sincerely,

Signatures on file

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