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April 7, 2023

Mr. David Cobrain, Acting Chief  
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Subject: Request for a 45-Day Extension of Time for Submittal of Documentation  
Associated with Closure of Panel 7 at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,  
Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Cobrain:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time for submittal of the Panel 7 Certification of Closure. This request is being made pursuant to the Permit Part 1, Section 1.10.3., Extension of Time.

Permit Part 6, Section 6.7., Certification of Closure, requires that within 60 calendar days of completion of closure of each underground Hazardous Waste Disposal Unit (HWDU), the Permittees shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that the underground HWDUs have been closed as specified in Permit Attachment G, Closure Plan. Permit Attachment G, Section G-2a, Certification of Closure, also states that the certification must be signed by the Permittees and by an independent New Mexico registered professional engineer. Panel 7 was closed on February 11, 2023. Therefore, the certification of closure is due on or before April 12, 2023.

The Permittees request a 45-day extension to the due date for submission of the closure certification for the following reasons:

- To compile the required documentation for the professional engineer.
- To complete the required reviews of the documentation.

Approval of this request would extend the due date for submittal of the closure documentation to May 27, 2023. Your timely response to this letter is appreciated.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all enclosures 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. David Cobrain

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Gerle at (575) 988-5372.

Sincerely,

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