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Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Submit the Semi-Annual Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Report

Dear Ms. McLean:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time for submittal of the Semi-Annual Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Data Summary Report that is required by Permit Part 4, Section 4.6.2.2., *Reporting Requirements*. Permit Part 4, Section 4.6.2.2, requires the Permittees to report the data and analysis of the VOC Monitoring Plan semi-annually in April and October. This request is being made pursuant to the Permit Part 1, Section 1.10.3., *Extension of Time*.

The Permittees are requesting a 120-day extension for submittal of the October 2023 report for the following reasons:

- Personnel shortages and equipment malfunctions at the contract laboratory have resulted in a delay in the submittal of analytical results to the Permittees. The equipment that has malfunctioned includes the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer.
- Due to procurement delays, the purchase of replacement equipment is taking longer than expected.
- Other available laboratories cannot meet the Permit-required method reporting limit for Methylene Chloride.

The above issues have caused delays in obtaining the data needed for the Semi-Annual VOC report. The proposed revised schedule changes the due date from October 31, 2023 to February 28, 2024. This proposed revision to the schedule is based on approval of a 120-day extension from the original due date. The extension does not reduce the ability of the Permittees to provide continued protection to human health and the environment at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant facility. Your timely response to this letter is appreciated.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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