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Subject: Transmittal of the Final Audit Report for the CBFO Recertification Audit

QAD-A-23-11 of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project

Dear Mr. Maestas:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Recertification Audit QAD-A-23-11 of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project for processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted August 14 – 17, 2023.

The audit team identified eight total concerns during the audit. Two concerns were classified as conditions adverse to quality (CAQs) resulting in the issuance of corrective action reports. One CAQ was determined to be isolated in nature and was corrected during the audit. Two concerns were offered to management as Recommendations, two were considered Strengths of the program, and one concern was withdrawn. The audit team concluded that the AMWTP transuranic waste characterization program procedures for characterizing Contact-Handled Summary Category Groups S3000 solids, S4000 soils/gravel, and S5000 debris wastes adequately address upper-tier requirements, processes were satisfactorily implemented, and effective in in all areas, with the exceptions documented in the audit report.

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

Please contact Darren Jolley, CBFO Quality Assurance Division Director, at (575) 725-1567 should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

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