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Subject: Transmittal of the Final Audit Report for CBFO Audit QAD-A-24-03 of the Savannah River Site Central Characterization Program

Dear Mr. Maestas:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit QAD-A 24-03 of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Central Characterization Program (CCP) processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted October 17 – 19, 2023.

The audit team identified 15 total concerns during the audit. None were determined to be Waste Analysis Plan (WAP)-affecting conditions adverse to quality (CAQs). The non-WAP-affecting CAQs identified resulted in the issuance of four Corrective Action Reports, and five CAQs were corrected during the audit. In addition, two Observations, three Recommendations, and one Strength, or good practice were also identified during the audit. The audit team concluded that the SRS/CCP Transuranic waste characterization program procedures for characterizing Contact Handled Summary Category Groups S5000 debris, S4000 soils/gravel, and S3000 solids, adequately address upper-tier requirements, with the exception of Flammable Gas Analysis, which those procedures determined to be marginal, processes were satisfactorily implemented and effective in achieving the desired results.

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, Director, CBFO Quality Assurance Division, at (575) 234-7493, should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

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