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Subject: Transmittal of the Final Audit Report for the CBFO Audit QAD-A-24-04 of the LLNL/CCP

Dear Mr. Maestas:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit QAD-A 24-04 of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program (LLNL/CCP) processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted December 5-7, 2023.

The audit team concluded that, overall, the LLNL/CCP programs evaluated are adequate relative to the flow-down of requirements, and the technical activities evaluated are satisfactorily implemented and effective.

The audit team identified five (5) concerns during the audit. No concerns were deemed to affect the Waste Analysis Plan. Two (2) concerns were classified as conditions adverse to quality (CAQs) resulting in the issuance of corrective action reports (CARs). One (1) CAQ identified during the LLNL/CCP Recertification Audit will be addressed through the corrective action process for CAR 24-008, a CAR previously issued as a result of audit QAD-A-24-03, Savannah River Site Central Characterization Program (CCP). The causal analysis and corrective actions being implemented in the corrective action process from the previous CAQ, identified during QAD-A-24-03, will address the issues of both CAQs and be implemented by CCP across all CCP-related generator sites. One CAQ was determined to be isolated in nature and was corrected during the audit. One strength was identified after review of program processes, and one concern was withdrawn.

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) 725-1567, should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

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