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Mr. JohnDavid Nance, Chief  
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Subject: Transmittal of the Final Audit Report for CBFO Audit QAD-A-26-31 of the INL/CCP

Dear Mr. Nance:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit QAD-A-26-31 of the Idaho National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program (INL/CCP) processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted March 24-26, 2026.

The audit team concluded that the evaluated areas and procedures utilized for characterizing remote-handled (RH) transuranic (TRU) summary category groups (SCGs) S3000 homogenous solids waste and S5000 debris wastes adequately address upper-tier requirements, and were satisfactorily implemented and effective (with the exception of Real-time Radiography and Project-Level Data Validation and Verification which were deemed indeterminate in implementation and effectiveness because verification could not be performed during the audit).

The evaluated areas and procedures utilized for characterizing contact-handled (CH) TRU SCGs S3000 homogenous solids waste, S4000 soil/gravel, and S5000 debris wastes, adequately address upper-tier requirements and were satisfactorily implemented and effective.

One concern was identified during the audit and was not considered Waste Analysis Plan (WAP)-affecting. The concern was classified as an Observation (see section 6.0 in the attached report for details).

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 gathered and evaluated 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 Ms. Veronica Ballew, Director, CBFO Quality Assurance Division, at (575) 231-5717, should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

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