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Subject: Transmittal of the CBFO Final Audit Report QAD-A-26-29, LANL/CCP TRU
Waste Characterization Activities

Dear Mr. Nance:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit QAD-A-26-29 of the Los Alamos National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program (LANL/CCP) for processes performed to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted May 19 – 21, 2026. The audit team concluded through interviews, field observations, demonstrations, and record reviews that the processes used for characterizing contact-handled Summary Category Groups S3000 homogenous solids, S4000 soils/gravel, and S5000 debris wastes were adequate in addressing upper-tier requirements, satisfactorily implemented, and effective.

The LANL/CCP is in the process of installing Real-Time Radiography Unit 9 (RTR 9) as new equipment to characterize waste. The audit team will perform a surveillance on RTR when the unit becomes operational.

Three concerns were identified during the audit, classified as follows: two conditions adverse to quality were corrected during audit (CDA), and one Recommendation was offered to management for consideration.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my 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 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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