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Mr. JohnDavid Nance, Chief  
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Subject: Transmittal of the CBFO Final Audit Report QAD-A-26-15, Hanford/CCP TRU  
Waste Characterization Activities

Dear Mr. Nance:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Certification Audit QAD-A-26-15 of the Hanford/Central Characterization Program (Hanford/CCP) for processes performed by the Salado Isolation Mining Contractors (SIMCO) CCP to characterize and certify waste in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted July 21-23, 2026. The audit team concluded through interviews, field observations, demonstrations, and record reviews that the processes used for characterizing contact-handled Summary Category Group S5000 debris waste were adequate in addressing upper-tier requirements, satisfactorily implemented, and effective.

Five (5) concerns were identified during the audit, classified as follows: two (2) Conditions Adverse to Quality were corrected during audit (CDA), one (1) Observation, and two (2) Recommendations were 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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Mark Bollinger  
Manager  
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