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Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you and your staff for your efforts to make last week's technical exchange meeting a success. I think things went quite well and we have resolved most of the issues that were originally identified in our comments on the CRA 2014. As you know, we agreed to work through these issues and memorialize the resolutions as best we could by the end of September 2018. The idea was to resolve the remaining issues raised during the review of CRA 2014 prior to EPA beginning review of CRA 2019. As am sure you are aware, our work together over the last several months will not inhibit our thorough review of CRA 2019.

Attached please find the table presenting the final accounting of issue resolution. We have two partially unresolved issues (Issues 2 and 3 from the table) for which we are planning additional technical exchange teleconferences. We will send invitations for those technical exchange teleconferences separately. We also have one issue (Issue 1 from the table) where you decided to take a different approach than we suggested. For this issue, we have noted in the table that this issue was not resolved and that we may do additional sensitivity analyses in association as part of our review of the CRA 2019.

Also, please note that we have renamed the table "WIPP: Tracking CRA 2014 Issue Resolution To Prepare for CRA 2019 and CRA 2024" to make its purpose more clear. Yellow highlight in the table denotes that the issue was resolved or partially resolved. One can look at "EPA Expectations" and "Action" columns for clarification/description of resolution. In some cases, we added clarifying language in the resolution section. We consider this final documentation of our work and plan to put this version of the table as well as this transmittal letter in the docket. If you feel we have misstated anything, of course, please let us know. We look forward to resolving the remaining two issues and wish you the best of luck preparing for CRA 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Peake", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

for Tom Peake
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