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Subject: Update to Information Provided in Sections 3.2.2 and 3.3.2 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan, Revision 2, Concerning Radiological Monitoring Equipment

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide an update to information provided in the *Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan, Revision 2*. This is a follow-up to previous verbal notifications to the NMED on this subject. In Sections 3.2.2 and 3.3.2 of the *Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan, Revision 2*, the Permittees describe radiological monitoring equipment in the entries to Panel 6. The radiological monitoring equipment in W-170/S-2750 and W-170/S-3080, installed pursuant to the Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan, was moved to E-300, between S-2520 and S-2750. This equipment was moved because the area where it was originally installed is now posted as "prohibited access" area due to ground conditions. The new radiological monitoring equipment location is downstream, from a ventilation perspective, from Panel 6 and will detect airborne radiological emissions from both the intake and exhaust sides of Panel 6.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our 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 our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please call Mr. George Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

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