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Mr. John E. Kieling, Bureau Chief  
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Subject: Transmittal of Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Kieling,

The purpose of this letter is to submit the following annual reports as required by the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088—TSDf, Part 4, Section 4.6.1.2.

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Geotechnical Analysis Report for July 2014 – June 2015, DOE/WIPP-16-3559, Volumes 1 and 2
- Annual Assessment of Explosion-Isolation Walls, Golder Associates, 1400077 R1 Rev0

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, please contact Mr. George. T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

**Signatures on File**

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