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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief
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Subject: Panel 6 Closure and Final Waste Emplacement Notifications

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that the Permittees intend to commence closure of Hazardous Waste Disposal Unit Panel 6 at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility. This notification fulfills the requirements of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit), NM48900139088-TSDF, Permit Part 6, Section 6.4 and Permit Attachment G, Section G-1b, *Requirements*, to notify NMED 60 days prior to the date on which closure activities are scheduled to begin, and Attachment G, Section G-1d(1), *Schedule for Panel Closure*, to notify the NMED 30 days prior to placing the final waste in a panel.

Final waste emplacement in Panel 6 is expected on or about January 29, 2014. Closure activities are expected to begin on or about January 29, 2014. The actual date is dependent on the availability of waste and may change.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision in accordance with 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,

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