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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief  
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Subject: Interim and Final Audit Report for Hanford Site Central Characterization Program  
Recertification Audit A-16-11

Dear Mr. Kieling:

In accordance with your letter dated March 2, 2012, instructing that the Department of Energy must continue to perform annual audits of Hanford Central Characterization Program (CCP) waste characterization activities, this letter transmits the Interim and Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit A-16-11 of the Hanford CCP in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the audit, which was conducted May 31 – June 1, 2016.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to 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 Mr. Michael R. Brown, Director, CBFO Office of Quality Assurance, at (575) 234-7476, should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

**\\Signature on File\\**

Todd Shrader, Manager  
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Enclosure