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Subject: Transmittal of the Audit Report for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program Audit A-13-12

Dear Mr. Kieling:

In accordance with your letter addressed to me dated March 2, 2012, instructing that the Department of Energy must continue to perform annual audits of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program characterization activities, this letter transmits the interim and final audit report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit A-13-12 of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory/Central Characterization Program in accordance with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The report contains the results of the audit conducted April 23-25, 2013.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with 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. Martin P. Navarrete, Acting CBFO Quality Assurance Director, at (575) 234-7483, should you have any questions concerning this audit report.

Sincerely,

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Jose R. Franco, Manager
Carlsbad Field Office

Enclosure