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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 1 Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Subject: Transmittal of the Final Audit Report for the INL/CCP Recertification Audit A-12-13

Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter transmits the Final Audit Report for Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Audit A-12-13 of the Idaho National Laboratory Central Characterization Project (INL/CCP) performing characterization and certification activities as required by Part 2, Section 2.3.2.3 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit was conducted June 11-14, 2012.

As a result of the audit, two CBFO Corrective Action Reports were issued. Four conditions adverse to quality, isolated in nature, were corrected during the audit. The audit team identified two Observations during the audit and offered three Recommendations to INL/CCP management for consideration.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Courtland Fesmire at (575) 234-7548.

Sincerely,

Original Signature on File

Jose R. Franco, Manager Carlsbad Field Office

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