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Subject: Submittal of New Mexico Registered Professional Engineer Certification of Modification to the Underground Ventilation System

Reference: DOE Letter CBFO:EPD:GTB:MN:14-2600:UFC 5486.00 from Mr. J. R. Franco and Mr. R. L. McQuinn to Mr. John Kieling, dated August 26 2014, subject: Notification of Planned Physical Alteration to the Permitted Facility, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit a New Mexico registered Professional Engineer (PE) certification that the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility has been modified in compliance with the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit by completing a modification to the Underground Ventilation System (UVS) referred to as the Interim Ventilation System (IVS). The IVS consists of two skid-mounted filtration fans and high efficiency particulate air filter assemblies.

In the above referenced letter, the Hazardous Waste Bureau was notified of planned changes to support the addition of the IVS. We have enclosed a letter from a New Mexico registered PE certifying that the facility has been modified to incorporate these changes to the UVS. The enclosed PE certification letter, along with our signatures below, constitute compliance with WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Part 1, *General Permit Conditions*, Section 1.7.11.2.i.

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 fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

Original Signatures on File

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Enclosure

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