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Dr. Eula Bingham, Chair
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Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste
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Dear Dr. Bingham:

I have had an opportunity to review the acknowledgments in the Committee’s Final Report. I want to express my deep appreciation for your kind words regarding the EEG and the participation by Certified Health Physicists James Channell and George Anastas of the EEG staff.

Moreover, I would like to thank the Committee Staff for their assistance and consideration in keeping us appropriately involved and informed. Their efforts provided further opportunity for EEG to present our findings and concerns with respect to characterization of remote handled transuranic waste to assure the protection of the public health and safety of the people of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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Director

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