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Mr. Carl E. Edlund
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Subject: Notification of Panel 5 Closure Activities

Dear Mr. Edlund:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 that the Department of Energy intends to commence closure of Panel 5. This notification fulfills the Conditions of Approval for Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyl/TRU Mixed Waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, requirement V.B., to notify Region 6 of Panel closure activities 30-days prior to initiating closure.

Placement of the last waste into Panel 5 is scheduled for May 21, 2011. Closure of Panel 5 is expected to be initiated on or about June 6, 2011. The actual dates are dependent on the availability of waste and may change.

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

Sincerely,

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