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Mr. John Kieling, Acting Bureau Chief  
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Dear Mr. Kieling:

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming close-out audit of the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory Central Characterization Project for Transuranic Waste Characterization activities. The audit is scheduled to take place in Carlsbad, New Mexico on April 24-26, 2012. An audit plan will follow in a separate letter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Randy Unger, Director of the Office of Quality Assurance, at (575) 234-7065.

Sincerely,

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