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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 30, 2012

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**RE: RECEIPT OF CALENDAR YEAR 2005-2008
CULEBRA POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE MAP PACKAGE
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT, EPA ID# NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and Sharif:

On February 29, 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a letter in which the U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees) submitted the *Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Calendar Year 2005-2008 Culebra Potentiometric Surface Map Package (Map Package)*.

NMED reviewed the Map Package and provided comments to the Permittees. NMED subsequently received a revised Map Package on May 17, 2012. NMED would like to clarify that the afore mentioned February submittal was not a draft as the Permittees' transmittal letter of the revised Map Package stated.

The Permittees were required to submit this Map Package in accordance with paragraph 10.d. of Stipulated Final Order (SFO) HWB 09-47, dated December 1, 2009, which states in part, "Within 180 days from the Department's approval of the Culebra Potentiometric Surface Map package of Paragraph 10.c, Respondents shall submit Culebra Potentiometric Surface Map packages consistent with the work plan for each calendar year from 2005 through 2008."

Paragraph 10.c of the SFO stated in part, "Within 90 days from the Department's approval of the work plan...Respondents shall submit to the Department for its review and approval a Culebra

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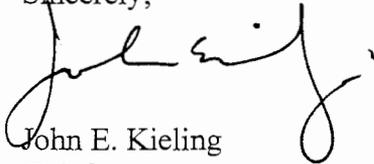
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Potentiometric Surface Map package consistent with the work plan for groundwater level data for Calendar Year 2009." NMED received and reviewed this 2009 Culebra Map Package and issued a Notice of Approval on November 2, 2011.

As required by paragraph 10.e. of the SFO, the Permittees must submit Culebra Potentiometric Surface Map packages consistent with the work plan for each calendar year from 2000 through 2004 within 270 days from the date of NMED's approval of the 2009 Map Package. Therefore, the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 Map Packages must be submitted to NMED on or before July 30, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050.

Sincerely,



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