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Dear Mr. Marcinowski and Mr. Franco:

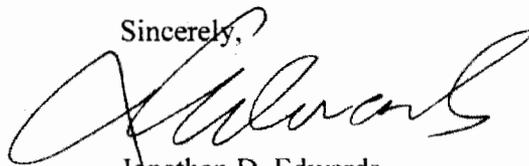
This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be conducting a site visit to Waste Control Specialists (WCS) in Andrews, Texas on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. EPA regulations at 40 CFR 194.24 (c)(4) require that a system of controls is adequately maintained from waste characterization through disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). In this instance, waste characterized at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) will be temporarily stored by the Central Characterization Project (CCP) at WCS prior to final disposal at the WIPP. The EPA's site visit to WCS is for the Agency to review the system of controls being implemented by CCP during shipment, temporary storage at WCS and ultimate disposal at the WIPP. The scope of the EPA's visit is limited to this process. The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has provided the EPA with draft documents that discuss the interface between CCP and WCS.

CBFO staff will escort EPA staff while on site at WCS. The EPA understands that CBFO has informed both WCS and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality about this visit and arranged for its conduct. CCP will demonstrate for the EPA the process used to maintain chain of custody and compliance with 40 CFR 194.24 (c)(4). As part of this process, the EPA requests photographs of the storage area, tracking system screen shots and container markings as objective evidence of the implemented process. The EPA will issue a report subsequent to our visit for the public record.



Please contact Tom Peake, Director, Center for Waste Management and Regulations at (202)343-9765 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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