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Subject: Request for Additional Extension of the Polychlorinated Biphenyl Storage Time at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Facility

Reference: EPA Region 6 Memorandum from Wren Stenger to Jose R. Franco, dated July 11, 2014, Subject: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Approval of Additional Extension of Storage Time for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) located at Carlsbad, New Mexico (EPA I.D. No. NM4890139088).

Dear Ms. Stenger:

In compliance with your letter of July 11, 2014, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility would like to request an additional extension of the storage time for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Transuranic (TRU) and PCB TRU mixed waste. On September 30, 2014, Revision 0 of the WIPP Recovery Plan was issued. The schedule described in the plan contains a step-wise process to return to normal operations at the WIPP. The WIPP Recovery Plan provides the series of recovery actions needed to be taken and the approximate time that is planned for each action. Section 4 of the plan, *Conclusions*, identifies the schedule for commencing waste emplacement operations as the first quarter of calendar year 2016.

In our storage extension request dated May 6, 2014, we discussed the limited alternative storage options available for the PCB waste currently in storage at the WIPP facility. Since the May letter, there has been no new information regarding the storage options.

Based on this information, the WIPP facility requests an extension of storage time for PCB TRU and PCB TRU mixed waste until the end of the first quarter of calendar year 2016 (i.e., March 30, 2016).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susan McCauslin at (575) 234-7349.

Sincerely,


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