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August 12, 2015

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**RE: NON-FINANCIAL RECORDS REVIEW INSPECTION OF PERMITTEES' WASTE
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM489013088**

Dear Messrs. Bryson and Breidenbach:

On August 5-6, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a Non-Financial Records Review (NRR) inspection of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) waste confirmation records and program in Carlsbad, New Mexico. A NRR is a category of environmental compliance evaluation conducted by NMED involving a detailed review of records of a non-financial nature. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the US Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC's (the Permittees) compliance with the waste characterization confirmation requirements specified in Attachment C7 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). Attachment C7 of the Permit requires the Permittees to ensure that the waste characterization processes performed by generator/storage sites produce data compliant with the Permit's Waste Analysis Plan through the waste screening and verification processes.

This inspection included a review of waste confirmation records, an interview with a waste confirmation team member, and a review of waste confirmation procedures. NMED provided the



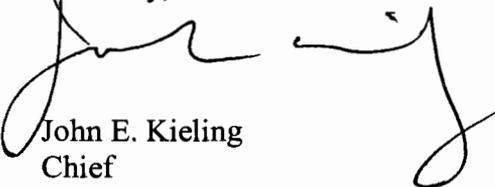
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Permittees with a list of specific questions associated with the waste confirmation program on August 5, 2014, that included but was not limited to; training records, current procedures, and confirmation packages. The requested information was received by NMED on July 10, 2015.

Based on the inspection and subsequent review of the information, NMED finds no violations of Attachment C7 of the Permit. No further action is required at this time. However, this letter does not relieve the Permittees of their obligation to comply with any other sections of the Permit or other applicable laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,



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