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Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Issue Interim Reports for Recertification Audit A-17-02 of the Savannah River Site Central Characterization Program, and Recertification Audit A-17-04 of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time to issue the interim report for Recertification Audit A-17-02 of the Savannah River Site/Central Characterization Program (SRS/CCP) and the interim report for Recertification Audit A-17-04 of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP). An extension of time is permissible pursuant to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Part 1, section 1.10.3. Pursuant to Permit Attachment C6, section C6-4, "The audit report will be prepared, approved, and issued to the site within 30 days of the completion of the audit by DOE." The SRS/CCP recertification audit is scheduled to be completed on December 8, 2016. The AMWTP recertification audit is scheduled to be completed on December 16, 2016. The extension, if granted, would direct that the interim audit reports be issued to the generator sites no later than February 9, 2017.

The request for extension of time is premised on anticipated time needed to adequately compile audit team input for audited activities based on objective evidence and completed checklists. Assimilating information into a formal report will consume all 30 days allotted by the Permit. The SRS/CCP and AMWTP audits this year take place during the holiday season; therefore, scheduled holiday time for Christmas and New Year’s Day will greatly reduce the number of working days available for quality assurance staff to complete the interim audit reports.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.
Please contact Carlsbad Field Office Office of Quality Assurance Director, Mr. Michael R. Brown, at (575) 234-7476 should you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

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