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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 20, 2013

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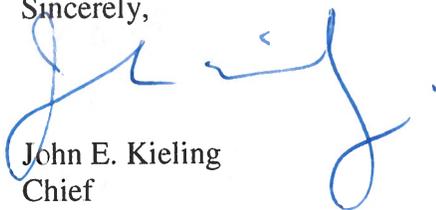
**RE: NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU 2012
ANNUAL PERMIT EVALUATION INSPECTION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and Sharif:

On November 13-15, 2012 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau conducted the Annual WIPP Permit Inspection of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant for compliance of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, as stated in Permit Condition 1.7.9 Inspection and Entry. NMED received the inspection related requested documents on July 15, 2013 and has determined that there were no permit related compliance issues for this inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Trais Kliphuis at (505) 476-6051.

Sincerely,



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