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Mr. Jonathan Edwards U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radiation Protection Division 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460-0001

Subject: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Biennial Environmental Compliance Report for reporting period April 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Enclosed is the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Biennial Environmental Compliance Report (BECR) for reporting period April 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014. As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) must submit, every two years, documentation of continued compliance with applicable laws pertaining to public health and the environment to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and, with regard to compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), to the State of New Mexico. You are receiving this document on behalf of the EPA Administrator.

A copy of the BECR has also been sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DOE Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance for their review, comment, and confirmation of compliance with respect to laws they enforce. I have requested that replies be sent to Mr. Nick Stone of EPA Region 6.

If you need additional information, please contact Susan McCauslin of the DOE Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-7349.

Sincerely,

Jose R. Franco, Manager Carlsbad Field Office

Enclosure

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