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Mr. Joe Franco, Site Manager
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Dear Mr. Franco,

On behalf of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your staff for the warm hospitality and excellent service during our tour of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant on November 5, 2013. The members were extremely impressed with the facility and the commitment and knowledge of the staff. We all came away with a sense of pride and a level of comfort knowing that the WIPP Site is fulfilling such an important role in the disposition of Transuranic Waste across the DOE complex.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to welcome us to the Carlsbad Field Office and for answering questions. I would like to especially thank Deb Gill, Rose Scott, Mike Antiporda, Bobby St. John, Susan Scott and Dirk Roberson for setting up our tour and for serving as our guides. Thank you also, to the nice cafeteria workers who stayed late to serve us lunch after the tour.

We hope you may be able to attend one of our future board meetings as a special guest. We all appreciate the good work that you do.

Kindest regards,

Carlos J. Valdez, Chair
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