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MEMORANDUM FOR MARK E. BOLLINGER
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SUBJECT: Authorization to Extend Quality Assurance Program Approval 0015

In response to your request January 29, 2026, this memorandum hereby authorizes an additional 60-day extension of the Department of Energy (DOE) Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Approval Number 0015, Revision 1 (https://rampac.energy.gov/docs/default-source/qa/approval_0015_r1.pdf), until April 1, 2026 for use by the Salado Isolation Mining Contractors, LLC (SIMCO). This 2nd extension is authorized to allow SIMCO additional time to update the previous contractor's Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) for submittal through the Carlsbad Field Office for my review and my approval.

This DOE QAP Approval (extension by memorandum) satisfies DOE Order 460.1D, *Hazardous Materials Packaging and Transportation Safety*, and therefore complies with the provisions in 49 CFR 173.7(d) for DOE to maintain packaging standards equivalent to those specified in 10 CFR Part 71.

This authorization expires April 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or need more details, please contact Lawrence Gelder at 803-645-3430 or lawrence.gelder@em.doe.gov.

Attachment: none

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