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SUBJECT: CENTER SUBMITTAL OF A SECOND DRAFT OF REVISION 4, CHANGE 1,  
TO THE CENTER QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL WITH RESPONSES TO  
THE NRC DRAFT COMMENTS (CENTER Ticket No. 2001 0083)

Dear Mr. Mabrito:

We have reviewed the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses' (Center's) April 26, 2001, letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which transmitted a second draft of Revision 4, Change 1, to the Center Quality Assurance (QA) Manual (Center Ticket No. 2001 0083). Also, the April 26, 2001 letter, provided responses to our comments on the initial draft that was transmitted to the NRC by Center letter dated April 6, 2001 (Center Ticket No. 2001-0071).

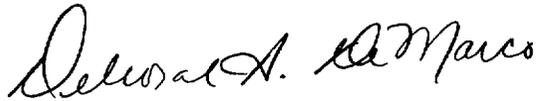
Subsequent to receiving the Center's April 26, 2001, letter, the staff discussed the changes proposed for Section 7.9.2, "Receiving Inspection by Center Technical Staff," of the Center QA Manual with the Center. Following this discussion, the Center proposed the following revised text for Section 7.9.2 of the Center QA Manual:

"Highly trained and qualified technical staff will perform receiving inspection. Because these individuals may be performing receiving inspection on items required to support their work activities, Center senior management will ensure that the individuals accepting these items: a) are not unduly influenced by cost and schedule; and b) have sufficient authority to independently evaluate the acceptability of the items; and c) have direct access to senior management in matters related to receiving inspection. This receiving inspection will assure the item is received in its proper and expected configuration including identification, dimensional, physical, chemical, cleanliness or other characteristics, and that the item has not received unacceptable shipping damage. The receiving inspection shall assure that documentation received from the supplier identifies the procurement and the specific procurement requirements met (e.g., code, standards, and specification); identifies any procurement requirements that have not been met; and describes those nonconformances from the procurement requirements dispositioned 'accept as is' or 'repair.' Receiving inspection shall also assure that the supplier is on the SwRI ASL, or confirmatory analysis has been performed with section 7.11 of this manual, or source verification has been performed to verify conformance to procurement documents."

Based on our review, the changes provided in the second draft of Revision 4, Change 1, to the Center QA Manual, and the above identified change, we believe that the Center QA Manual

adequately describes how the applicable requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50 will be satisfied. We understand that the text for Section 7.9.2 may be edited, however, the editing should not change its intent. Further, the Center's QA Manual is acceptable for controlling work activities presently specified in our contract to the Center. Should the scope of work activities change, the Center QA Manual should be reviewed and, if necessary, revised accordingly.

Should you have any questions concerning our review of the Center QA Manual, please contact me at (301) 415-7796 or Larry L. Campbell at (301) 415-5000.



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