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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph J. Holonich, Director Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management

FROM: Kenneth R. Hooks, Section Leader Quality Assurance Section Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management

SUBJECT: VISIT TO CER CORPORATION

On July 21, 1992, W. Belke and J. Buckley visited the CER Corporation offices in Arlington, Virginia. The purpose of this visit was to gain a better understanding of the trending system for the Corrective Action Requests (CARs) documented during the various U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) quality assurance (QA) audits and surveillances. This matter was discussed and documented in the minutes of the February 18, 1992, NRC/DOE QA meeting (letter from J. Holonich to J. Roberts dated March 26, 1992).

This visit included an informative presentation and discussion with CER representatives Ms. P. White and Ms. C. Nye who aptly explained the manner in which the CARs are tracked and trended for DOE by CER Corporation. The tracking system, done on dBASE IV, produces a computerized printout which briefly describes the adverse condition and lists the CAR number, date issued, status (open/closed), responsible organization, response due date, date corrective action verified, and next action required (if any).

The trending system developed by CER Corporation appears to be an excellent way to track CARs written against Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and its contractors. The NRC staff was informed that the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) has a similarly effective way of tracking CARs written against the Yucca Mountain Project. The QA staff is requesting trending information from YMPO as well as information copies of updates to the CER Corporation trending system.

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