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RESPONSE TO CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST (CAR) YM-92-027 RESULTING FROM YUCCA
MOUNTAIN QUALITY ASSURANCE DIVISION (YMQAD) AUDIT YMP-92-012 OF THE YUCCA
MOUNTAIN SITE CHARACTERIZATION PROJECT OFFICE (YMPO)

Enclosed is the YMPO response to CAR YM-92-027 for evaluation by YMQAD.

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Response to CAR YM-92-027

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1. Corrective Action Response for CAR No. YM-92-27

- A. Remedial Action - The Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) Principal Investigator (PI) for Study Plan 8.3.1.3.4.2 "Biological Sorption and Transport" has agreed to provide presently available specific numbers and titles for the technical procedures that will be used for each activity in this study. These procedures will be referenced in the study plan before it is approved by the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) under Administrative Procedure (AP) 1.10Q.
- B. Investigative Action - This condition has been discussed with the responsible PI at LANL. Other cognizant personnel of the participating organizations responsible for preparing study plans also have been, or will be, contacted to determine the extent of this condition. In general, technical procedures are referenced in study plans to provide substantial compliance with the DOE/NRC Level of Detail Agreement (LODA) when the study plans are submitted to the YMPO for review and approval. For Study Plan 8.3.1.3.4.2, the references had not been updated although a new procedure became available during the AP-1.10Q review process that leads to YMPO approval of study plans.

There is no requirement in the QARD for a scientific investigation planning document to contain a list of references. The requirement is derived from a DOE/NRC agreement, as discussed in Section D. The requirement in AP-1.10Q is derived from this agreement. However, there is no requirement in AP-1.10Q or in the DOE/NRC LODA that study plans must be revised to update referenced procedures as they become available, or as new ones may be added for a particular activity.

- C. Root Cause Determination - DOE agreed to reference technical procedures to be used in study plans to provide additional detailed information to NRC for technical review of study activities. Non-standard procedures are to be distinguished from standard procedures. Non-standard procedures are to be available to NRC 60 days before the start of work. Standard procedures could be used immediately upon approval of the procedure by the participating organization. By agreement, technical procedures are not transmitted routinely to NRC. NRC is to make verbal requests for specific non-standard procedures it wishes to review during the 60 day period before work starts. The YMPO believes that revising study plans as technical procedures become available would be an inefficient process to keep the NRC informed.

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Third, YMPO is proposing that NRC request copies of participant technical procedures through the NRC on-site representative (OR). A current list of technical procedures for each study plan, which would be updated by the PI as new procedures to be used are approved, would be sent to YMPO for transmittal to the OR. This would allow the OR to obtain current versions of all available technical procedures for any study plan when requested by NRC staff for reviews of study plans, reviews of non-standard technical procedures, or any other purpose.

Fourth, the appropriate revision of AP-1.10Q will be developed to comply with the renegotiated DOE/NRC LODA agreement and with the QARD.

2. Individuals responsible for each action listed above (A-D) and anticipated completion dates:

- A. Richard A. Crawley - June 15, 1992.
B. Richard A. Crawley - June 15, 1992.
C. Richard A. Crawley - Completed.
D. Thomas W. Bjerstedt, Richard A. Crawley -
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3. Response Approved:


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