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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: OBSERVATION REPORT NO. 93-S5 ON QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEILLANCE
HQ-SR-93-07 OF THE CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTOR

I am transmitting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Surveillance Observation Report No. 93-S5 for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Quality Assurance (QA) Surveillance No. HQ-SR-93-07 of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management and Operating Contractor (M&O) QA program conducted in Vienna, VA and Las Vegas, NV during September 8-17, 1993. The State of Nevada did not participate in this surveillance.

The NRC staff observed and evaluated the OCRWM QA surveillance to gain confidence that OCRWM and the M&O are properly implementing the requirements of their QA programs by assessing the effectiveness of the OCRWM surveillance and determining the adequacy of the M&O QA program in the areas observed. The NRC staff's evaluation is based on direct observations of the surveillance process, discussions with the surveillance team and M&O personnel, and reviews of pertinent M&O records.

The scope of this surveillance was focused on the preparation, review, and issuance of the requirements, and the flowdown of requirements from the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Requirements Document to other documents. Also included in the surveillance scope were the corrective actions taken to close Corrective Action Requests (CARs) HQ-92-012 and HQ-93-19.

As a result of the surveillance, three preliminary CARs were issued by the surveillance team. The adverse conditions identified in the preliminary CARs are not significant in terms of the overall QA program and do not reflect any major problems with the flowdown of requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the OCRWM surveillance of the M&O QA program was useful and effective. The audit team was familiar with the QA procedures in the areas being surveilled and knowledgeable of the work products being examined. The NRC staff agrees with the OCRWM surveillance team's preliminary conclusion that the M&O development process for the preparation, review, and issuance of the requirements and the flowdown of requirements is effective and the

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