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EVALUATION OF AMENDED PARTIAL RESPONSE TO CORRECTIVE ACTION  
REQUEST (CAR) YM-94-076 RESULTING FROM YUCCA MOUNTAIN QUALITY  
ASSURANCE DIVISION (YMQAD) AUDIT YMP-94-01 OF THE CIVILIAN  
RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING  
CONTRACTOR (SCPB: N/A)

The YMQAD staff has evaluated the amended partial response and  
verified the partial corrective action to CAR YM-94-076. These  
have been determined to be satisfactory. As a result, the  
necessary action to complete Remedial Action to this CAR for the  
release of Design Package 2C is considered closed. Verification  
of completion of the remaining corrective actions will be  
performed after the effective dates provided. Any extension to  
these dates must be requested in writing, with appropriate  
justification, prior to the date. Please send a copy of  
extension requests to Deborah Sult, YMQAD/QATSS, 101 Convention  
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If you have any questions, please contact either Robert B.  
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**CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST**

<b>1 Controlling Document</b> OCRWM QARD DOE/RW-0333P, Revision 01		<b>2 Related Report No.</b> YMP-94-01	
<b>3 Responsible Organization</b> MEO		<b>4 Discussed With</b> Jim Houseworth	
<b>5 Requirement:</b> 1) QARD DOE/RW-0333P, Supplement 1.2.5 states:  That acquired software shall be documented sufficiently to demonstrate the ability of the software to meet the needs of the affected organization. (Continued on next page)			
<b>6 Adverse Condition:</b>  Contrary to the above, QARD requirements, Waste Isolation Evaluation of Construction Water for Package 2C, DI#BABB00000-01717-2200-00008 and Waste Isolation Evaluation: Tracers, Fluids, and Materials for Use in the Package 2C Exploratory Studies Facility Construction, DI#BABB00000-01717-2200-00007, indicate that the software package Macsyma (Macsyma Inc. PC Version 417.125) were used in the evaluation of both WIEs. Specifically the WIE for Tracers, Fluids, and Materials uses the Macsyma program to provide the analytical solution of an integrated three dimensional dispersive transport equation. Section 4.2 of the WIE identifies the saturated advection-dispersion model for nonreactive chemical transport as a critical model for nonreactive chemical transport as a critical model. There is no documentation that this software meets the needs of the affected organization.  Contrary to the above, regarding NLP-19-1, Revision 0, there is no objective evidence that requirements for verification of Macsyma software in Step 5.1.2, were performed before use in the WIEs.  NOTE: Implementing Line Procedure NLP-19-1, Revision 0 states that Macsyma is not considered scientific and (or) engineering software. There is no (Continued on next page)			
<b>9 Does a Significant Condition Adverse to Quality exist?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E		<b>10 Does a stop work condition exist?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes - Attach copy of SWO If Yes, Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C	
<b>3 Response Due Date:</b> 20 Working Days From Issuance			
<b>11 Required Actions:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remedial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extent of Deficiency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preclude Recurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Root Cause Determination			
<b>12 Recommended Actions:</b>   			
<b>7 Initiator</b> John F. Pelletier <i>[Signature]</i> 8/4/94		<b>14 Issuance Approved by:</b> QADD <i>[Signature]</i> 8-5-94 Date	
<b>15 Response Accepted</b> QAR _____ Date _____		<b>16 Response Accepted</b> QADD _____ Date _____	
<b>17 Amended Response Accepted</b> QAR <i>[Signature]</i> Date 9/2/94		<b>18 Amended Response Accepted</b> QADD <i>[Signature]</i> Date 9-12-94	
<b>19 Corrective Actions Verified</b> QAR _____ Date _____		<b>20 Closure Approved by:</b> QADD _____ Date _____	

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**5 Requirements (continued)**

**2) QARD DOE/RW-0333P, Supplement I.2.6 states:**

That software activities shall be documented sufficiently to demonstrate the ability of the software to meet the needs of the affected organization.

**3) Implementing Line Procedure NLP-19-1, Revision 0, Section 5.1.2 states:**

That formulas and algorithms used during the analytical process with statistical analysis and interactive numeric and symbolic algebra software, should be verified by both of the following methods:

- a. Extracted directly from an appropriate and recognized source (e.g., textbook, handbook) and entered correctly.
- b. Verifying the results of their use by means of a similar software package or an alternate calculation.

**6 Adverse Condition (continued)**

objective evidence that this software is not scientific and (or) engineering software and thus exempted from the QARD requirements. This software is used in WIEs.

Further, 5.1.2 specifically states that formulas and algorithms used during the analytical process with statistical analysis and interactive numeric and symbolic algebra software, should be verified by both of the following methods:

There is no objective evidence that these requirements were performed before use in the WIEs.

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I. Corrective Action Response for CAR YM-94-076

A. Remedial: Macsyma is a general purpose program for symbolic and numerical mathematical manipulations that has been widely accepted and used in the scientific and engineering community for more than a decade. As opposed to typical scientific and engineering software, there is no standard set of model equations that are solved. Each use of Macsyma involves the creation of unique mathematical expressions that require verification for the specific application. In this respect, Macsyma is similar to commercial spreadsheet software like Lotus. Therefore, the standard use of Macsyma is inconsistent with global verification and validation (V&V) concepts for scientific and engineering software and its exemption from these requirements is justified.

Objective evidence of calculation verification was not provided in the preparation of the identified Waste Isolation Evaluations (WIEs). Verification checks were performed as good engineering practice, but are not formally documented under our current procedures. Such evidence will be provided by incorporating the verification steps described below as an attachment to the affected WIEs:

1. Identify those calculations performed using Macsyma.
2. Comparison of symbolic mathematical expressions similar to those used in the WIEs that were derived by Macsyma with expressions given in mathematical handbooks.
3. Present hand calculations for numerical evaluations performed with Macsyma that are representative of the types of calculations performed in the affected WIEs.

B. Extent of Deficiency: The identified deficiency is present only in the following WIEs:

Waste Isolation Evaluation, Construction for Package 2C Excavation of the ESF North Ramp  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00008 Rev. 00

Waste Isolation Evaluation: Tracers, Fluids, and Materials for Use in the Package 2C Exploratory Studies Facility Construction  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00007 Rev. 00

In addition, we recognize that a formal system within the M&O does not exist for identifying whether software is or is not exempt from QARD Supplement I requirements for scientific or engineering software. These decisions are currently made at the group manager level and, in the absence of specific criteria, may result in a nonuniform application of QA requirements for software.

C. Preclude Recurrence: NLP-3-17 will be revised to incorporate verification criteria for use of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software not subject to global V&V requirements as described in NLP-19-1 Rev. 00. Two members of the Performance Assessment and Modeling Department received training on NLP-19-1 Rev. 00 on 8/10/94.

A formal M&O-wide system for identifying if software falls under the QARD definition of scientific or engineering software will be developed.

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2. Response Actions

Revise affected WIEs to incorporate objective evidence of Macsyma calculation verification. Revise NLP-3-17 to incorporate verification criteria for use of COTS software not subject to global V&V requirements as described in NLP-19-1 Rev. 00. Develop formal M&O system for classification of software with respect to the applicability of QARD Supplement I.

Remedial Action

Responsible: James E. Houseworth

Anticipated Completion: 8/17/94

Preclude Recurrence

Responsible: Albin Brandstetter and Nathaniel Hodgson

Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

3. Response Approved:

Jean L. Younker  
Regulatory and Technical Evaluation Manager

Date: 8/11/94

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**1. Corrective Action Response for CAR YM-94-076**

**A. Remedial:**

Objective evidence of calculation verification was not provided in the preparation of the identified Waste Isolation Evaluations (WIEs). Verification checks were performed as good engineering practice, but are not formally documented under our current procedures. Such evidence will be provided by incorporating the verification steps described below as an attachment to the affected WIEs:

1. Identify those calculations performed using Macsyma.
2. Comparison of symbolic mathematical expressions similar to those used in the WIEs that were derived by Macsyma with expressions given in mathematical handbooks.
3. Present hand calculations for numerical evaluations performed with Macsyma that are representative of the types of calculations performed in the affected WIEs.

The above actions are intended to satisfy the confidence that the two WIE's are adequate to support Design Package 2C release, and does not represent a solution to the longer term issue addressed in the next paragraph.

**B. Extent of Deficiency:** We have reviewed all WIEs and the only ones where Macsyma or similar software was used are listed here:

Waste Isolation Evaluation, Construction for Package 2C Excavation of the ESF North Ramp  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00008 Rev. 00

Waste Isolation Evaluation: Tracers, Fluids, and Materials for Use in the Package 2C Exploratory Studies Facility Construction  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00007 Rev. 00

**C. Preclude Recurrence:** NLP-3-17 will be revised to incorporate the requirement for the identification of the verification method(s) used on the results of the use of software programs during the performance of Waste Isolation Evaluations. Two members of the Performance Assessment and Modeling Department received training on NLP-19-1 Rev. 00 on 8/10/94.

Develop a process to identify the applicability of Scientific & Engineering Software controls on formulas and algorithms that are used as input to non-S & E software, and the resulting effects. We shall address this issue in revisions of the QAP-19 series procedures and NLP-19-1.

**2. Response Actions**

1. Revise affected WIEs to incorporate objective evidence of Macsyma calculation verification.
2. Revise QAP-19 series procedures and NLP-19-1 to address controls on formulas and algorithms used as input to non S & E software.
3. Revise NLP-3-17 to incorporate requirements to identify verification method(s) for results of computer analyses used in WIEs.

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Remedial Action

Revision of Package 2C WIEs  
Responsible: James Houseworth and David Sassani  
Anticipated Completion: 8/19/94

Preclude Recurrence

Revision of QAP-19 series procedures  
Responsible: Warren Standley  
Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

Revision of NLP-19-1  
Responsible: Nathaniel Hodgson  
Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

Revision of NLP-3-17 Rev. 01  
Responsible: Albin Brandstetter  
Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

3. Response Approved:

Jean L. Youder  
Regulatory and Technical Evaluation Manager

Date: 8-17-94



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**1. Corrective Action Response for CAR YM-94-076**

**A. Remedial:**

Objective evidence of calculation verification was not provided in the preparation of the identified Waste Isolation Evaluations (WIEs). Verification checks were performed as good engineering practice, but are not formally documented under our current procedures. Such evidence will be provided by incorporating the verification steps described below as an attachment to the affected WIEs:

1. Identify those calculations performed using Macsyma.
2. Comparison of symbolic mathematical expressions similar to those used in the WIEs that were derived by Macsyma with expressions given in mathematical handbooks.
3. Present hand calculations for numerical evaluations performed with Macsyma that are representative of the types of calculations performed in the affected WIEs.

The above actions are intended to satisfy the confidence that the two WIE's are adequate to support Design Package 2C release, and do not represent a solution to the longer term issue addressed in the section on Preclude Recurrence.

**B. Extent of Deficiency:** We have reviewed all WIEs and the only ones where Macsyma or similar software was used are listed here:

Waste Isolation Evaluation, Construction for Package 2C Excavation of the ESF North Ramp  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00008 Rev. 00

Waste Isolation Evaluation: Tracers, Fluids, and Materials for Use in the Package 2C Exploratory Studies Facility Construction  
DI: BABE00000-01717-2200-00007 Rev. 00

**C. Preclude Recurrence:** NLP-3-17 will be revised to incorporate the requirement for the identification of the verification method(s) used on the results of the use of software programs during the performance of Waste Isolation Evaluations. Two members of the Performance Assessment and Modeling Department received training on NLP-19-1 Rev. 00 on 8/10/94.

Develop a classification process to determine if software falls under the QARD Supplement I requirements for Scientific & Engineering (S&E) software. This process will also address the applicability of S&E software controls on formulas and algorithms that are used as input to non-S&E software, and the resulting effects. We shall address these issues in revisions of the QAP-19 series procedures and NLP-19-1.

**2. Response Actions**

1. Revise affected WIEs to incorporate objective evidence of Macsyma calculation verification.
2. Revise QAP-19 series procedures and NLP-19-1 to address classification of software to determine applicability of QARD Supplement I requirements and applicability of S&E software controls on formulas and algorithms used as input to non-S&E software.
3. Revise NLP-3-17 to incorporate requirements to identify verification method(s) for results of computer analyses used in WIEs.

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Remedial Action

Revision of Package 2C WIEs

Responsible: James Houseworth and David Sassani

Anticipated Completion: 8/19/94

Preclude Recurrence

Revision of QAP-19 series procedures

Responsible: Warren Standley

Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

Revision of NLP-19-1

Responsible: Nathaniel Hodgson

Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

Revision of NLP-3-17 Rev. 01

Responsible: Albin Brandstetter

Anticipated Completion: 12/31/94

3. Response Approved:

  
Regulatory and Technical Evaluation Manager

Date: 9-1-94

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1. Partial Verification of CAR YM-94-076

Reviewed the revised two affected Waste Isolation Evaluations packages associated with Design Package 2C. WIE Construction water for Package 2C Excavation of the ESF North Ramp DI:BAE00000-01717-2200-00008, Rev. 03, and WIE Tracers, Fluids, and Materials, and Excavation Methods for Use in the Package 2C Exploratory Studies Facility Construction DI:BAE00000-01717-2200-00007, Rev. 03. The WIEs were revised and objective evidence such as hand calculations were provided and incorporated to ensure that the calculations used in the WIEs were verified.

Verified that symbolic mathematical expressions similar to those used in the WIEs that were derived by "Macysma" with expressions given in mathematical handbooks provide similar results.

Verified the output of the algebraic functions calculated by the computer program "Macysma" with the output of the algebraic functions calculated by a similar computer program "Mathematica".

  
John F. Pelletier, QAR

9/2/94  
Date