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Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Director
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Holonich:

The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), Office of Quality Assurance (OQA), has transitioned selected verification activities from the OCRWM Affected Organizations to OQA. The centralization of verification activities was initiated in fiscal year 1995 to ensure consistency in the policies, structure, and performance of Quality Assurance (QA) on the OCRWM program.

The Office of Quality Assurance is now responsible for the management and performance of QA audits for the entire OCRWM program. This includes the performance of qualification surveys and triennial audits for maintenance of OCRWM qualified suppliers.

Realignment of verification activities includes an OCRWM-wide system of identifying and correcting conditions adverse to quality. Trend evaluation and reporting will be performed by OQA. This trending method will provide management with a global view of OCRWM performance versus segmented views as previously provided by the Affected Organizations' trend programs. Affected Organizations will maintain the ability to perform trend evaluations and issue trend reports for their respective organizations.

Consolidation of verification activities is one of many improvement actions taken by OQA. Incorporation of QA program requirements into a single document, the elimination of Affected Organizations' QA program plans and the consolidation of OQA support contracts have all proven successful for OCRWM QA program implementation. Transition of audit activities will assist OQA in providing consistent interpretations of QA requirements, eliminating redundant QA activities, and fostering uniform applications of the OCRWM QA program.

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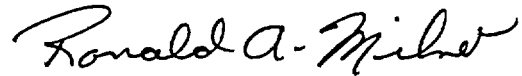
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If you have any questions regarding the verification consolidation activities,
- please contact Donald G. Horton at (702) 794-7675.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald A. Milner".

Ronald A. Milner, Director
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