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Washington, D.C. 20555

Reference: Letter, Holonich to Milner, dated June 28, 1995

Dear Mr. Holonich:

In a request from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (Reference), the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) was asked to provide a letter describing recent contractor realignment and Quality Assurance (QA) responsibilities. The Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), outlined the contractor realignment and QA responsibilities in an overview presented at the June 2, 1995, DOE/NRC Bi-Monthly Management Meeting. This letter provides the response to NRC's request.

As you may know, OCRWM directed the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management and Operating Contractor (CRWMS M&O) to consolidate Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project participants. The consolidation was completed in April 1995, with the signing of agreements or a Memorandum Purchase Order between the CRWMS M&O, Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Pacific Northwest Laboratories, and Oakridge National Laboratory. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Science Applications International Corporation, Integrated Resources Group, Inc., Reynolds Electrical & Engineering Co., Inc., and EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc. had already been realigned under the CRWMS M&O in October 1994. The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) is working with the CRWMS M&O under a Memorandum of Understanding.

Organizational direction and reporting have been realigned such that each of the participant's QA Managers, with the exception of USGS, will report to the CRWMS M&O Manager. This participant consolidation will enable the CRWMS M&O to provide the technical direction necessary to improve the overall effectiveness and management of program activities. The enclosure displays the organizational arrangement of teammates and participants under the CRWMS M&O in support of the OCRWM Program.

The DOE's Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) will retain the program oversight role and interact with the consolidated CRWMS M&O by conducting all OCRWM Program audits as



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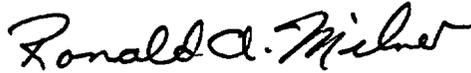
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described in my letter to you dated July 25, 1995. Overall QA responsibility has not been delegated to the CRWMS M&O.

If you have any questions, please contact Fred Rodgers at (202) 586-9313.

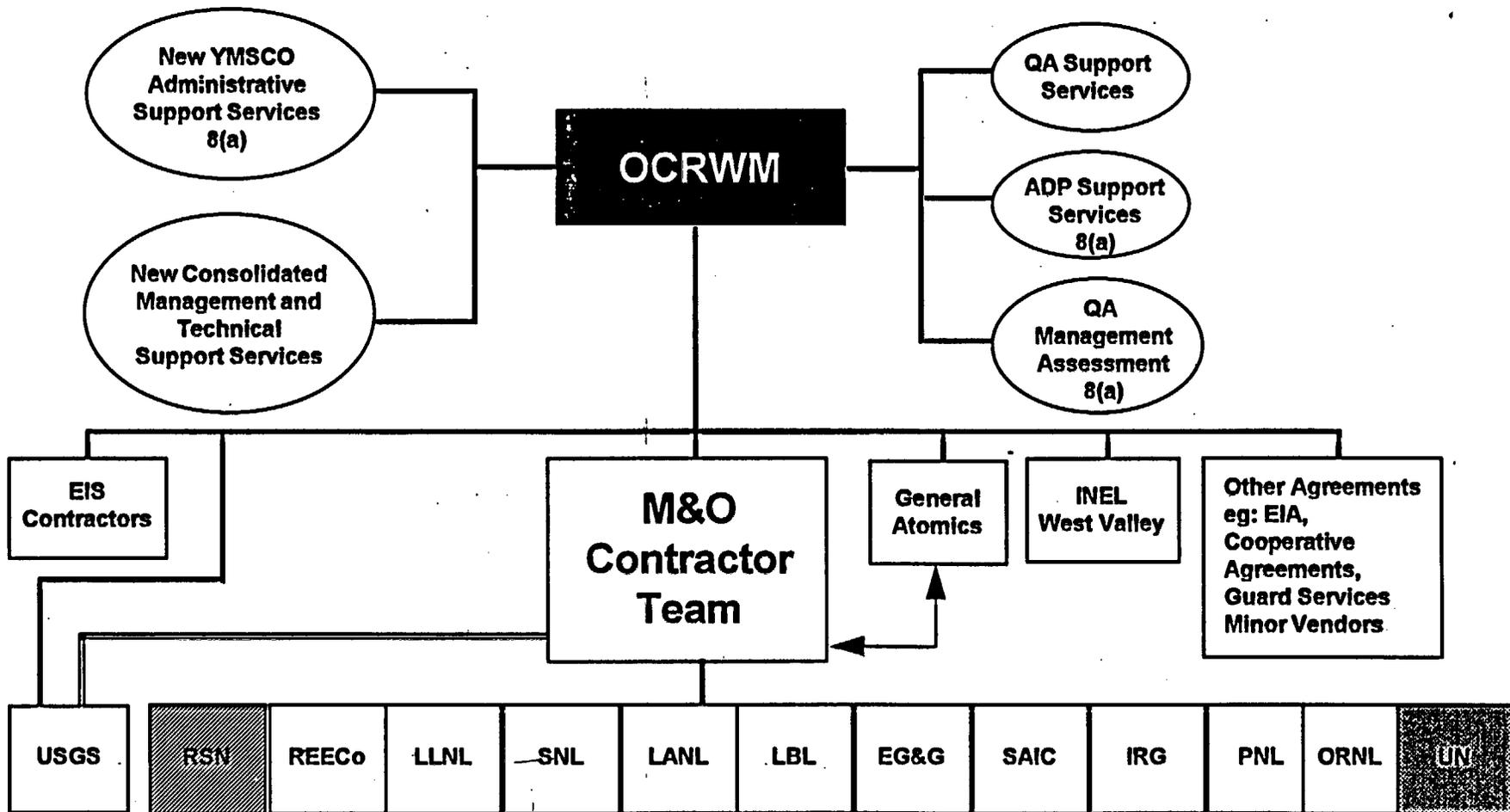

Ronald A. Milner, Director
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Enclosure:
Contractor Consolidation Chart

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R. Price, NV Legislative Committee, NV
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B. Mettam, Inyo County, CA
V. Poe, Mineral County, NV
F. Mariani, White Pine County, NV
R. Williams, Lander County, NV
L. Fiorenzi, Eureka County, NV
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E. Lowry, NV Indian Environmental Coalition, NV
R. Holden, National Congress of American Indians
J. Greeves, NRC

Contractor Consolidation as of April 1, 1995



-  Agreement to subcontract YMSCO scope through TRW not yet concluded
-  Technical direction and integration
-  Programmatic Direction
-  Work performed under REECo MPO with TRW