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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ALLOW KIEWIT/PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF (KIEWIT/PB) TO CONTINUE EXISTING QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) FUNCTIONS

Background

The reengineering of the QA function on the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Program has been initiated to consolidate the OCRWM QA functions under the Director, Office of Quality Assurance (OQA).

Implementation of the QA consolidation has been planned to be accomplished in phases:

Phase A (implemented February 1, 1997) transitioned all project surveillance activities, except for the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management and Operating Contractor's (CRWMS M&O) Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB.

Phase B is planned for June 2, 1997, and is intended to transition the CRWMS M&O's QA function, with the exception of the CRWMS M&O's Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB.

As part of Phase B, the consolidation of the QA function necessitates a revision to the Quality Assurance Requirements and Description (QARD) document and identified implementing Administrative Procedures (AP) to clearly indicate that the QA function is performed by OQA. In order to allow the CRWMS M&O's Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB, to continue performance of the QA function in accordance with their approved QA Program implementing procedures, certain QA functions must be delegated with the implementation of the revised QARD.

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Delegation Actions

The QARD Section 1.2.2 allows the Director, OQA, to delegate the authority to perform QA functions to other Affected Organizations. Therefore, the authority to perform the following QA functions specified in the QARD or implementing AP's are delegated to the CRWMS M&O for implementation by their Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB, for contracted work scope only:

1. QARD 1.3.2 B1 - Perform the OQA responsible overview functions to include the verification of achievement and quality of work through surveillance, inspection, review, or other means of verification, as appropriate. Inspections include those governed by Section 10, tests controlled by Section 11, and receipt inspections for Section 7.
2. QARD 2.2.1 C4 - Perform review of changes to QARD requirements matrices in accordance with QARD, Subsection 2.2.10, "Document Review."
3. QARD 2.2.10 E2 - Perform document reviews required by Kiewit/PB's existing Quality Program implementing procedures. These reviews include those performed to satisfy the Section 4 procurement document reviews and the Section 6 document reviews, both of which reference this paragraph as the document review requirement.
4. QARD Section 15 - Assignment of responsibilities for implementation of this criterion are identified in YAP-15.1Q, "Control of Nonconformances."
 - a. Perform the QA function responsibilities to validate all Nonconformance Reports (NCR) initiated by the Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB.
 - b. Perform the QA function for all NCRs for which the CRWMS M&O Architect Engineer has delegated to the Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB, the authority to write the NCR disposition, except for the final review which shall be performed by OQA for all NCRs. See letter LV.CM.RMC.09/96-177, McDonald to Wightman, dated September 13, 1996, for current delegation which is considered valid until superseded.
 - c. Perform the Quality Assurance/Quality Control verification function for completion of dispositions performed by the Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB.
5. QARD Section 16 - Assignment of responsibilities for implementation of this criterion are identified in: AP-16.1Q, "Performance/Deficiency Reporting;" AP-16.2Q, "Corrective Action and Stop Work;" and, AP-16.3Q, "Trend Evaluation and Reporting." For Construction Contractor identified deficiencies:

- a. Perform the Quality Assurance Representative (QAR), Performance Report/Deficiency Report (DR) Coordinator and Corrective Action Coordinator functions identified in AP-16.1Q and AP-16.2Q.
- b. Perform the Director, OQA responsibilities to process DRs, Corrective Action Requests, and Stop Work Orders identified in AP-16.1Q and AP-16.2Q. This specific delegation is to be implemented by the CRWMS M&O Construction Contractor's, Kiewit/PB, QA Manager.
- c. Extension requests - As provided by the note associated with paragraph 5.4.3 in both AP-16.1Q and AP-16.2Q, the CRWMS M&O Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB, is directed to manage requests for extensions within their organization with approval by their QA Manager.
- d. Perform the QA function relative to the QAR responsibilities identified in AP-16.3Q as they relate to the activities of the CRWMS M&O Construction Contractor, Kiewit/PB.

This delegation of the QA function is effective June 2, 1997, concurrent with QARD, Revision 7, and is to remain in effect until superseded.

Should you have any questions regarding this delegation, please contact either Robert W. Clark at (702) 794-5583 or Catherine E. Hampton at (702) 794-1387.



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