

July 8, 1997

Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

**SUBJECT: REVISION 7 OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND
DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT**

Dear Mr. Milner:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 1997, transmitting Revision 7 of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document (QARD DOE/RW-0333P) dated June 2, 1997. Revision 7 to the QARD incorporates changes to reflect: 1) the recent transition of quality assurance functions and reorganization of OCRWM; 2) applicability of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 72 to ancillary equipment and, 3) to clarify the mined geologic disposal system requirements for procurement of analytical services in support of scientific investigations. We have reviewed these changes and find them acceptable. We conclude that the QARD can continue to serve as an adequate framework for OCRWM, its contractors, and its subcontractors to develop specific policies, plans, and procedures to implement their respective programs.

No response to this letter is required. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belke of my staff on (702) 388-6125.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by S. Wastler for:]

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