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OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (OCRWM) QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AUDIT REPORT UNR-ARP-97-17 OF THE CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTOR'S (CRWMS M&O) ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT RENO (UNR), NEVADA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY (NBMG)

Enclosed is the report of the OCRWM QA Audit UNR-ARP-97-17. The audit was conducted by the Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) at Reno, Nevada, May 19-21, and June 4, 1997, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

There were two OCRWM Deficiency Reports (DR) issued as a result of the audit. One DR addresses deficient conditions, primarily lack of implementation of requirements, that need to be resolved in various program elements of the QA program evaluated. The second DR addresses the incomplete performance of the required review of the Natural Resource Assessment report submitted as a deliverable to the U.S. Department of Energy. One additional condition adverse to quality regarding the lack of CRWMS M&O management oversight of UNR performing work subject to the Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document, and the CRWMS M&O implementing procedures will be incorporated into an open, existing Corrective Action Request previously issued to the CRWMS M&O for similar conditions.

Overall, the QA program as implemented by the CRWMS M&O at UNR NBMG was found to be unsatisfactory and ineffective; however, the Technical Specialist considered the technical work to be satisfactory if compared to industry standards.

This audit is considered completed and closed as of the date of this letter. The DRs will be tracked separately to closure.

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