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:]

                              Michael J. Bell, Chief
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