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**AUDIT REPORT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF CIVILIAN
RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE (OQA)
SUPPLIER AUDIT OQA-SA-97-028 OF UFA VENTURES, INC.**

Enclosed is the audit report OQA-SA-97-028 of UFA Ventures, Inc. The audit was performed July 10-11, 1997, at its Richland, Washington, facility. The audit criteria is delineated in U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Purchase Order 1434-CR-97-00717. The audit resulted in the issuance of one Deficiency Report (DR) YM-97-D-070, two deficiencies corrected during the audit, and four recommendations. The DR relates to: (1) No objective evidence that UFA Ventures, Inc. has qualified the supplier being used for the calibration of scales used in weighing samples; (2) Training assignment sheets have not been completed for various documents and there is no documented evidence that Training Outline assignments have been completed for all UFA Ventures, Inc. personnel; (3) No Measuring and Test Equipment (M&TE) status tagging for the AVI Micro 210A Infusion Pumps. Also, the M&TE control list is not current; and (4) UFA Ventures, Inc. does not have a procedure in place for the preparation and approval of administrative procedures. The DR, with response due date, has been issued to USGS for action which relates to the Quality Assurance program for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management activities. Tracking of the DR will be the responsibility of the OQA.

The results of the audit warrant a recommendation that use of UFA Ventures, Inc. be placed on hold until a calibration supplier has been selected, evaluated, and the scales have been calibrated by the qualified supplier. Immediate action needs to be taken to place a restriction on the Qualified Supplier List to restrict use of UFA Ventures, Inc. until the calibration of the scales have been completed and documented by a qualified supplier.

The audit is considered completed and closed as of the date of this letter. Resolutions to the DR will be evaluated by the OQA and closed as appropriate.

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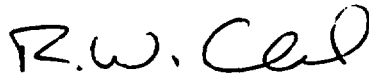
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