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APPROVAL OF RESPONSE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR DEFICIENCY REPORT
(DR) YM-96-D-095 RESULTING FROM OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE
(OQA) AUDIT HQ-ARC-96-003 OF THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE
CHARACTERIZATION OFFICE

Reference: Memo, Adams to Horton, dtd 7/18/97

NOTE: This correspondence is a reissuance of a letter that inadvertently was addressed to L. D. Foust.

The OQA received your memorandum requesting an extension for the amended response to DR YM-96-D-095 and has approved your request for an extension to September 1, 1997. As the second request for extension on this DR, the new due date is accepted in accordance with Administrative Procedure 16.1Q, Revision 2. Please be advised additional requests will be escalated through the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

The request also indicated that a member of my staff was to draft an appropriate response to the DR for your consideration. In the interest of cooperation, OQA is providing the following recommendations for the amended response to DR YM-96-D-095.

As stated previously in rejection of the first response, Item 1d does not address the need for the letter from the U.S. Department of Energy Human Resources to identify the basis for qualification (i.e., the education and/or experience that was verified). It is suggested that the letter to be used contain, at a minimum, the position to which the employee is assigned and state or reference the minimum education and experience requirements. The letter must include a statement that the person has been verified to meet the qualification requirements for the position specified.

The response needs to take credit for the investigative action addressed in Item 3 of the response. This should be entered in Block 15 of the response. Justification for no root cause or action to preclude recurrence should address the development of a revision to the Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document to clarify the requirements and subsequent development of the Administrative Procedures to provide consistency in implementation of the training and qualification program. These actions should serve to preclude future problems in the areas of personnel qualification and training.

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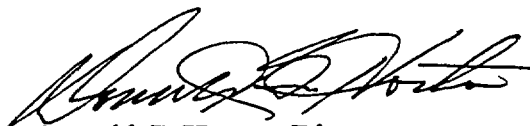


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A draft of the recommendations has been provided separately to Sandy Rouse for review. If you have any questions, please contact either James Blaylock at (702) 794-1420 or Dennis C. Threatt at (702) 295-2725.



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