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APPROVAL OF AMENDED RESPONSE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR DEFICIENCY
REPORT (DR) YM-97-D-039 RESULTING FROM OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE
(OQA) AUDIT USGS-ARC-97-15 OF U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Reference: Ltr, Craig to Horton, dtd 9/18/97

The referenced letter requested that the amended response due date for DR YM-97-D-039 be extended to October 15, 1997. This request is not approved. Please note that the accepted response committed to actions should have been completed in a reasonable period of time. These actions consisted of the continued verification of qualification of elicitation participants and the issuing of a memo. The qualification of personnel should have been accomplished prior to initiation of the activity, hence any lowering of that task priority seems incomprehensible. Writing the memo is straightforward and could be done expeditiously. The reasons provided in your letter do not provide defensible justification for an extension request, and the corrective action associated with the deficiency should have been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact James Blaylock at (702) 794-1420.

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