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Alan Brownstein, Director  
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1000 Independence Avenue S.W.  
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**SUBJECT: REVISION 8 OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
MANAGEMENT QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND  
DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT**

Dear Mr. Brownstein:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1997, transmitting Revision 8 of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document (QARD - DOE/RW-0333P) effective date June 5, 1998. Revision 8 to the QARD incorporates changes to: 1) allow for a graded approach for qualification of personnel; 2) clarify software requirements; 3) clarify data qualification methodology; and 4) establish requirements for expert elicitation. The NRC staff has reviewed these changes and find them acceptable. The staff also concludes 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belke of my staff on (702) 794-5047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Bell".

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